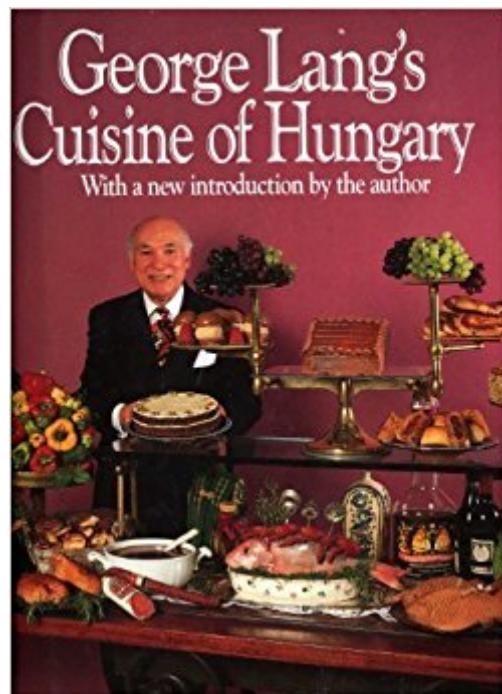


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Synopsis

A definitive compilation of authentic Hungarian dishes features more than three hundred delectable, fully tested recipes for traditional Hungarian fare, along with entertaining information on Hungarian culinary traditions.

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This is a wonderful book, full of quirky facts and Hungarian cooking history. The author is opinionated in the most delightfully Hungarian way. Did you know, for example, that just as "the secret of the abundance of good Hungarian string instrumentalists is that they have a well developed "sound sense", it is most probable that Hungarian housewives and cooks are either born with or develop a keen "soup sense"? No? Or what about this gem: "it wouldn't be too farfetched to say that Hungary specialises in winning international culinary battles and losing revolutions". Hmm. The French and Italians might have a thing or two to say about that. To use it as a cookbook, you pretty much need to be an experienced cook. How about the soup recipe that begins, "first mince some meat"? Or the one that half way through instructs you to "make a roux" with no further hints? I've made about 10 recipes from this book. With the exception of simple dumplings, none has taken less than an hour, most upwards of two. Oh yes, the result is worth it. Yummm. It's just not for the fainthearted. Buy the book for the history and other reading. For example, a list of actions Hungarian farmers were required to perform each month in 1674. A sample: February - Every fifth day you have to give kiln-dried beans to peacocks to make sure that they will lay eggs speedily enough. March - Put three goose eggs under the stork and when they hatch take them away from the stork. You can catch crabs with frog's legs, and fish with your hands if you smear your feet and

legs with a mixture of melted game grease and honey. April - buy salt for the summer and put carp into the lake. No explanation for why the eggs go under the stork!

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